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A Half Century, An Entire Legacy

By Nicholas Santos
Managing Editor

The date is August 15, 1965. A passionate young woman – Sister Mary Dorothy Neuhofer – is starting her first day as Reference Librarian at Saint Leo College. She is thrilled to begin working with Saint Leo's community; she is ready, willing, and dedicated to perform her best and help the community grow. However, with a small library and an ever-increasing need for resources and space in the face of Saint Leo College's inevitable expansion, this young woman knows her journey there will not be an easy one.

The date is August 15, 2015. 50 years since her first day at what was once known as Saint Leo College, Sister Dorothy Neuhofer, Order of Saint Benedict (O.S.B.), Ph.D., takes a seat in her private office – the office of the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian – in the Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library: Saint Leo University's ultimate resource center. The seat she takes – a hand-crafted wooden rocking chair – is engraved with the words "Saint Leo College: In Appreciation of Thirty Years of Dedicated Service;" and outside her office: thousands upon thousands of books. With an accomplished smile on her face, Sister Dorothy confidently asserts that "you'd better believe" that, for 50 years, she has never stopped standing by Saint Leo's side.

Photo Courtesy of University Communications

"There are some people who seem to think that we have everything on computers now, so we don't need books anymore. Well, I don't believe that."

Since 1965, Sister Dorothy has helped build the Saint Leo library in six positions: Reference Librarian, Catalog Librarian, Director of Reader Services, Library Director, Director of Library Services, and Archivist and Special Collections librarian. Even after 50 years of service, Sister Dorothy still remembers her first day as Reference Librarian.

"I can tell you the exact date because I was furious that day: August 15, which was (and still is) the Feast of the Assumption. It was the day that we weren't supposed to be working; but it was the day the monks were starting their new year. So, I had to show up – and I did," said Sister Dorothy.

Regardless of her true feelings that day, Sister Dorothy did not keep herself from enjoying her new position and providing Saint Leo College's library with her fullest potential: a potential first discovered when Sister Dorothy was only four years old. *Sister Dorothy developed her own appreciation for books and reading while going on trips to the library of the Saint Leo Abbey with her father, a German immigrant with a penchant for reading in both English and German.*

Saint Leo's Own Fulbright Scholar

By Rebecca Maldonado
Contributing Writer

Attaining a Fulbright scholarship, as well as being able to host one of its scholars, is no easy task but Saint Leo has done it. Saint Leo University welcomes its first resident Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Vasumathi Badrinathan, on campus this fall semester. The Fulbright scholar program offers opportunities to both teach and learn to students, teachers, and accomplished scholars across the globe, promoting cultural relations and communication.

Dr. Iona Sarieva, director of the Bridge Program, was not only an important figure in bringing Dr. Badrinathan on campus, but was a recipient of the Fulbright scholarship herself when she was a student. It was through her experiences with the Fulbright program that she eventually came to know Dr. Badrinathan personally.

"Networking helped," said Dr. Sarieva. "The process [of attaining a Fulbright Scholar] is much easier to be done with a person you know."

"It is a competitive process for both the scholar and the university. Both the individual and the university must be a good match for each other in order for the host program to ultimately be successful." says Dr. Sarieva when asked about the process of hosting such a scholar.

Fulbright Scholars tend to be well-rounded individuals, not only excelling in academics but having experiences in many other facets of their fields.

"It's prestigious to be a Fulbright Scholar! It's a remarkable experience to be able to share one's expertise and to gain from it over an extended period of time. It's going to be a huge learning and enriching experience for me as well – bringing my culture, my diversity, to Saint Leo and acquiring new knowledge in the process," says Dr. Badrinathan.

Dr. Badrinathan is not only known for her research and academic accomplishments but for her music, as well. She is a skilled vocalist and is also trained in the traditional classical music of India, known as Carnatic music. Given that the doctor has performed for many distinguished diplomats and thousands of people around the world, Dr. Sarieva believes this will open a completely new facet of learning. Additionally, Dr. Badrinathan will be performing on campus this semester for all students and faculty to enjoy.

"So many students today are used to formal education" Dr. Sarieva says, going on to elaborate that integrating many other facets of learning – such as religion and music – can lead to an "eye-opening experience" which she hopes Dr. Badrinathan can provide. She hopes to provide these eye-opening experiences through the class she will be teaching this semester. Her class, called Breaking the Code: Language, Culture, and Communication, will be open to sophomores, upper classmen, and graduate students.

Photo Courtesy of Dr. Badrinathan

Dr. Vasumathi Badrinathan is very eager to start her semester at Saint Leo, saying, "it feels like a second home."

Dr. Badrinathan is most optimistic about providing the students with something complete – hoping to "rejuvenate fundamentals" and "provide them something with integrity." Dr. Badrinathan values most, out of all her accomplishments, her ability to stay true to her core values of integrity and sincerity.

Dr. Badrinathan believes that her mixture of academic and artistic accolades complement each other and help create more of a complete person. She considers herself a people person which has helped tremendously not only in her career as a researcher but as a professor as well. Interacting with her students, helping to impact their lives in a meaningful way, is what Dr. Badrinathan hopes to do.

"The diversity of my experiences is what I believe will help positively impact the students."

Sports

Summer Highlights

By Matt Vandenburgh
Sports Editor

As sporting events happen throughout the year, there are always events that occur while school is not in session. Most of the time, these events are fairly innocuous, such as the daily baseball gaames of the Major League Baseball regular season. However, there are events that outshine the mundane, and as such deserve special recognition.

June was a special month, as American Pharoah became the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978, and only the twelfth Triple Crown winner in horse racing history.

American Pharoah has competed in two more races since then, with the expectation of retiring to stud at the end of the year. Experts agree that the stud rights will be highly expensive, with CNN.com reporting the fees could reach up to $100,000 per foal.

Continuing in the month of June, the NHL season wrapped up with a six game Stanley Cup final, where the Tampa Bay Lightning lost to the Chicago Blackhawks.

The Lightning finished a remarkable season, beating the New York Rangers in seven games to win their first Eastern Conference title since 2004, all while finishing with the best regular season record in the team's 23 year history.

Unfortunately, they could not completely replicate the 2004 season, in which they won their only Stanley Cup.

Women were also represented well during the summer. The United States women's National Soccer team capped off an exciting run in the women's World Cup with a resounding 5-2 victory against Japan in the final.

This was not just exciting for the nation, but a good showing as to how the respect for women's sports has grown in this country.

Nytimes.com reported that an estimated 25.4 million viewers tuned in to the July 5 game on Fox, topping game six of this year's NBA finals. This is also more viewers than any NBA game since 2010, and any MLB game since the 2004 World Series.

Added to the 1.3 million viewers from the Spanish-language station Telemundo, the combined 26.7 million viewers beats out the record 26.5 million combined viewers of the 2014 men's World Cup final between Germany and Argentina.

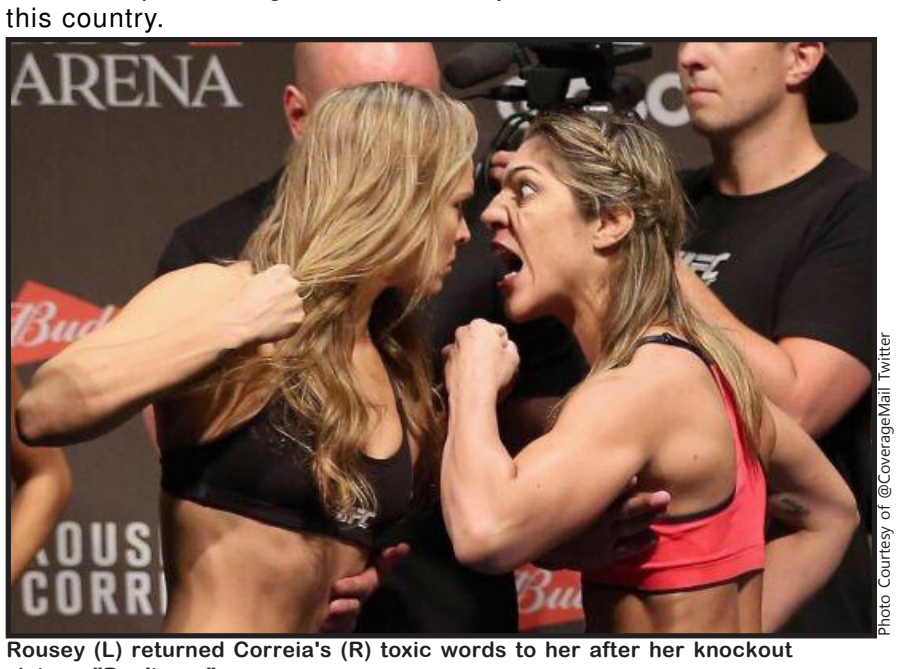
Ronda Rousey is also providing a positive female sports icon. In her Aug. 1 bout against Bethe Correia, the main event of UFC 190, Rousey dominated, earning a knock-out victory in 34 seconds.

UFC 190 also shows how women are making progress, as Rousey-Correia not only main evented, but the show is expected to make it past the vaunted 1 million buy rate for pay-per-view events.

Considering UFC pay-per-views cost $49.99 for standard definition and $59.99 for high definition, 1 million pay-per-view buys displays the marketability for women in sports.

The world of tennis had exciting tournaments at Wimbledon this summer. Novak Djokovic won his third Wimbledon Men's title, defeating Roger Federer in four sets, while Serena Williams claimed the Women's title this year. This was Williams' sixth Wimbledon title, and it was her fourth consecutive major championship, dating back to the US Open 2014.

If Williams wins this year's US Open, she will become only the 20th person or team to complete the Grand Slam, and only the fourth to complete it in women's singles play. Also, if Williams pulls off the win, it would be her 22nd major victory, matching tennis legend Steffi Graf for most career women's major titles.



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Rousey (L) returned Correia's (R) toxic words to her after her knockout victory, "Don't cry."

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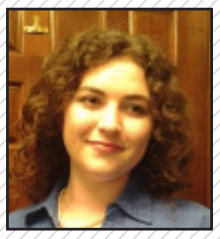

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Start Your School Year in Style

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It's once again time, and hello again to late nights studying. What better way to start your school year off than in style? While fashion trends are frequently changing shopping for the perfect outfit can be like digging for buried treasure; however, with the right guide you may not have to dig much longer.

Discovering the best outfits for the new school year will make the transition from the summer to fall classes less stressful. One of the last things you want to worry about on your first day of classes is whether or not your outfit represents your sense of style. Returning to school gives the perfect excuse to shop for new clothes, and upgrade your wardrobe for the upcoming year. A plain white T-shirt, a striped T-shirt, a button-down shirt, denim, and ballet flats are some of the fashion staple pieces that should be in your wardrobe. These fashion pieces are the building blocks to a stylish yet budget-friendly wardrobe that will last you through the year.

T-shirts can be wore under a vest, sweater, jacket, tucked into your shorts, or a pair of dark-washed denim. Some of the best and most comfortable styles include crew and V-neck cuts. Striped T-shirts add a bit more flair than a simple white T-shirt on those days you want to look a bit more stylish. Investing in several colors will be a great for your wardrobe. The GAP American Eagle Outfitters, and Old Navy are just a few of the stores that carry quality shirts for you to pull off this casual, yet trendy look.

It's one of those pieces that everyone has hanging in their closet. It may seem like a rather simple piece, but in reality, it can be styled in several inventive ways. It's the simple—some may describe as boring—button-down shirt. There are several ways to wear a button-down shirt, whether you opt for a more casual look or a professional look. When paired with slacks or khaki pants it creates a professional outfit perfect for an interview or class presentation.

Realistically jeans will never go out of style; seemingly due to the large variety of cuts available. The way jeans are cut can vary between skinny, straight, boot cut, boyfriend, high-rise, etc. A Levi's Outlet, The GAP, Old Navy, and American Eagle Outfitters are some of stores that are known for their quality denim.

There's a reason ladies love wearing ballet flats, not just because they are chic, but they're also very comfortable! Ballet flats are a must because they go with just about anything in your closet. You can wear them with a pair of jeans and a button-down shirt to create an effortlessly cute outfit, and they also look great when worn with a dress or skirt to create more of a girly flair.

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Flats are a must-have because they are super comfortable to wear, yet cute to admire.

When building your ideal wardrobe, it is essential that to start with several of the fundamental pieces, and once you have a feel for your personal style try experimenting with more unique articles.

They've Got the Music in Them

By Craig Graves
Worldly Educator

On Wednesday, Aug. 25, Dr. Cynthia Selph held auditions for the Saint Leo Singers for the 2015-2016 school year. Prospective hopefuls were called to the basement of the Music Building one by one to sing a portion of a song of their choosing, sing a few basic scales, and sight read another selection. "Sight reading" means that the auditioning students had to perform a song without preparing it beforehand.

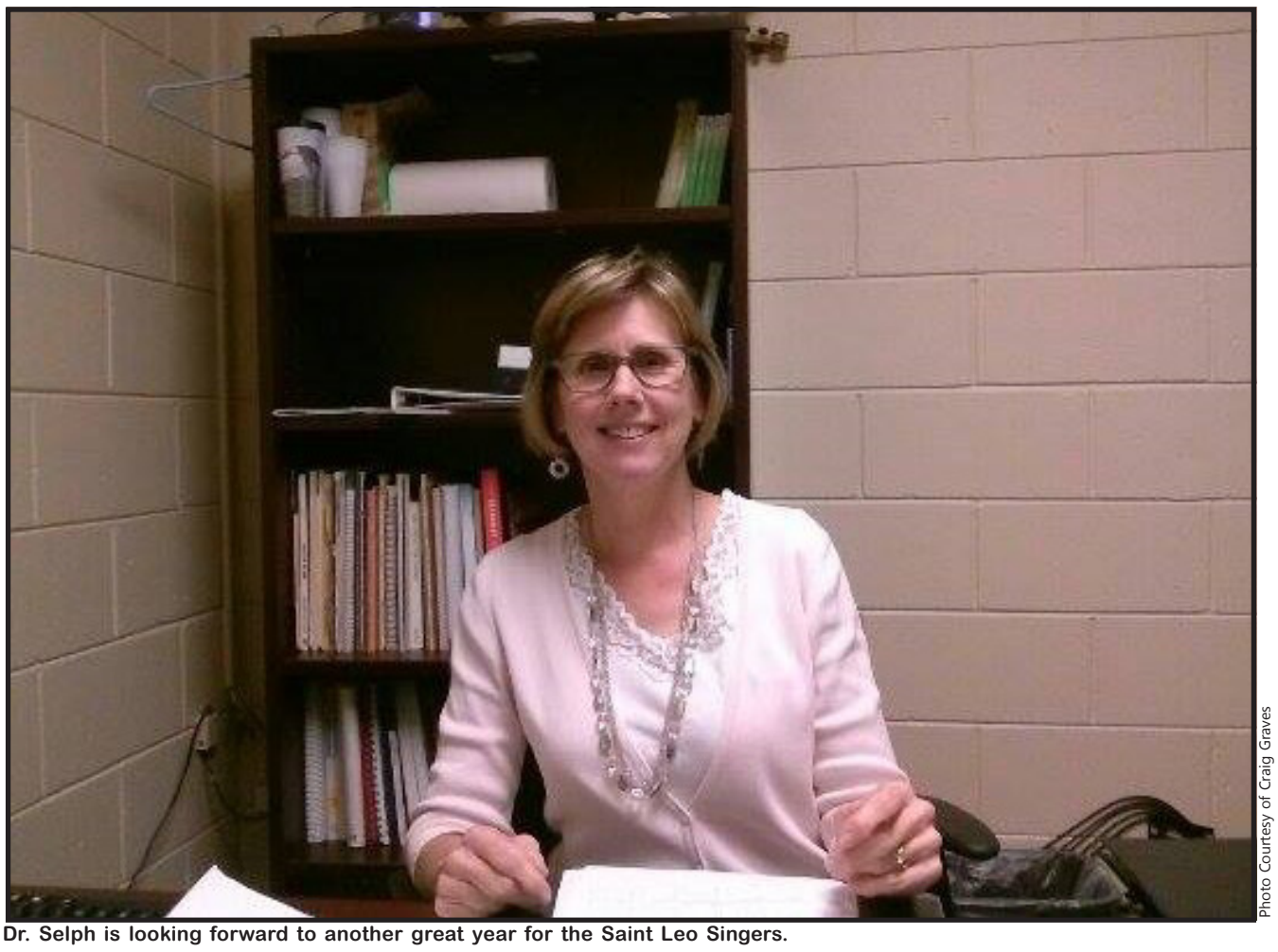
The waiting room to audition was packed with nervous students quietly mouthing the lyrics to songs and listening intently to the tunes. A few of the students were conversing with each other to get to know one another and fight back the butterflies in their stomachs. Each person eventually descended to the basement and returned soon after with smiles or nervous laughter and the instructions to send another person down and to watch their emails for their results.

"We're going to have a very strong group this semester," said Dr. Selph, the Assistant Professor of Music and Music Ministry.

With the upcoming Fall into Song concert on 20 Oct. featuring music from some well-known movie franchises, the singers would have to be strong. Some of the movie themes that might appear include Star Wars, Mission Impossible, The Hunger Games, Slumdog Millionaire, and James Bond, just to name a few.

"Movie themes are great because they can be any genre of music," said Selph, "The Fall into Song concert will also showcase the faculty singing group, Just the Facts."

The Saint Leo singing groups can be seen at various venues this year including their two main concerts, Fall into Song and the Christmas Concert on 20 Oct. and 1 Dec. respectively, as well as small performances at events like Focus the Nation and Academic Excellence Day.



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Dr. Selph is looking forward to another great year for the Saint Leo Singers.

Editorial

A Crime of Laziness

By Craig Graves
Worldly Education Editor

Many have seen these blemishes before in countless locations: the plastic bag blowing in the wind like a tumbleweed, the piles of discarded cigarette butts, and the dejected empty cans and bottles left to sit alone in corners. Littering is possibly one of the most common occurrences that pollutes the world because almost anyone can be a culprit of it. Some may commit this crime on accident while others purposefully toss their trash on the ground and leave it.

According to Florida Statute 403.413, otherwise referred to as the "Florida Litter Law," littering is defined as "dumping or leaving any garbage, rubbish, waste, or trash anywhere that is not a proper trash receptacle." Under this statute, littering is a misdemeanor crime and can be punishable with fines of up to $500 and/or 60 days of imprisonment.

Given these pretty hefty penalties for a crime that almost anyone can commit or has committed, one may wonder if Saint Leo University has a policy about the littering on campus. Unfortunately, there is no direct policy in place to cover littering on campus, but there is a minor policy in place in regards to the damages littering causes in the residence halls. This policy states that any identified guilty parties will face fines for the damages causes by the trash left out. In the event that no guilty individuals are found, a general fine will be applied. The amounts of these fines are determined by Plant Operations and sent to Residence Life. The usual fee is 25 dollars per trash bag filled. In other words, if enough litter is picked up on one floor of a residence hall to fill a garbage bag, then all residents on that floor will have to pay a portion of the 25 dollars. This might not seem like much if there is only one full bag of trash collected in the halls, but those fines can add up over the course of a year or semester if the residents are chronic litters.

While these policies are in effect and the general law in Florida states the illegality of littering, is litter actually a problem on campus? Like many instances of litter around countless towns, high-traffic areas

When trash is left out, many animals like squirrels or birds may try to eat the garbage and risk becoming ill and dying.

tend to see the most pieces of litter. The highest traffic areas on campus are the SCC, the SAB logia, the parking garage, and the residence halls. Though these areas are highly trafficked, there does not really seem to be much, if any obvious litter aside from random cigarette butts or a candy wrapper here or there. This could mean that there are no major cases of litter happening or that other people and Plant Operations are picking up the garbage they find during the day.

"There are 13 employees in the grounds department and every morning including weekends these employees begin cleanup of campus grounds and parking lots from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.," said Jose Caban, the Director of Plant Operations. "Most of the trash are fast food items, paper, cigarettes, and water bottles."

Honestly, a lot of littering happens on campus and most, if not all, of it gets cleaned up by many good Samaritans and the workers in Plant Operations before anyone else can see it. It should not be too difficult to properly throw away one's own garbage. It is careless and lazy to leave out trash when a wastebasket or trashcan is nearby in most cases. When this crime is committed inside, it simply causes damages, detracts from the cleanliness of the building, and is an annoying act of vandalism. When committed outside, littering causes the same effects as it does inside but also pollutes the environment and puts many species of plants and animals at risk of becoming ill and dying.

Believe it or not, the University does have the right as a private institution to seek legal action for cases of littering. Without any direct policy on littering in place, the University can decide to adopt the county or state laws about littering, which state that littering is illegal. Many should be thankful that the University's indirect littering policy falls under the clause for damages and only issues fines for infractions. These fines, however, do add up.

Overloading a trash receptacle to the point of spilling out can still be considered littering. Don't forget that there is a difference between "garbage" and "recyclables," and all it takes is one piece of trash in a recycling bin to ruin that batch of recycling.

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"We estimate it costs $876.00 a week to pick up trash," said Caban.

Over the course of a school year, that means about $26,280.00 is spent just to pick up the trash that students leave lying around. It also means that that amount is often distributed to students as a fine for damages.

Who would really want to pay a fine for being careless or lazy? Most likely no one would want to. That being said, why would anyone want to risk getting these fines in the first place? There are cameras all over campus that can see when and where anyone commits a crime or rule infraction. This means that University officials can see when anyone litters and who the culprit is. Littering is just a dumb idea in the first place and can be easily fixed with a short walk to a trashcan.

"If there is a need to install more trash receptacles in specific locations to help control the dumping of trash we would certainly do so within reason," said Caban.

While Caban offered to install more trash receptacles, the number of receptacles in not a problem on campus. According to Plant Operations, there are 85 trash cans, 40 green recycling receptacles, four trash compactors, three recycling compactors, three front-loading dumpsters, and five trash trolleys around campus. That does not include the hundreds found within the various buildings, offices, and students' rooms. There are enough trash cans around to make the practice of littering even more pointless that it already was.

"Littering will always be a personal choice," said Caban. "We hope that our core values help change that behavior."

Some litter can even become a hazard while driving, so don't toss your trash out the windows.

Not only is littering lazy, it also wastes money. It costs about $315 a year to waste half of a large Dunkin' Donuts iced coffee.

A full can of soda left outside on during hot weather can explode. Also, someone could step on it thinking it will crumple under his/ her foot, and instead it makes a big mess. Don't leave these little landmines on our beautiful campus.

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A Half Century cont.

Fascinated by the euphoric nature of the library as well as her own father's interest in books, Sister Dorothy's newfound passion found its way into her studies, where it flourished.

"When I was in grade school, we had a library in the classroom, although really, all it was just a small shelf of books; I read them because I was too smart for the rest of the kids – I didn't have enough to do. So when I had all of my work done, I would get some books to read," said Sister Dorothy.

As a Reference Librarian first, Sister Dorothy said she could perform in a manner she described as "double-dipping," allowing her to assist the library and its visitors through reference services half of any given day, and cataloging services the other half of the day.

"When I got the combination of reference and cataloging – that's a perfect combination – I got to talk to the people who were using the library…and teach people how to put entries in the catalog," said Sister Dorothy. "Being a reference librarian was ideal…because you had direct contact with [the students and staff]."

Sister Dorothy's tenacity in assisting others transferred well into several of her next positions – including Director of Reader Services, Library Director, and Director of Library Services – as they allowed her to be in charge of circulation and reference operations in the library. The library flourished under Sister Dorothy's leadership.

Unfortunately for Sister Dorothy and the library as a whole, the library's small size would lead to problems in the college's future. Sister Dorothy's time as Library Director in particular – which began in the year 1975 – was near the high point of this problem, in what Sister Dorothy described as being "one of the more interesting parts of [her] 50 years."

"Over time, the library got smaller and smaller because the school's population grew. By the time we got into the 70s, Father Fidelis [the first Library Director] was already writing a letter to the president saying that we needed more library space – and it didn't happen; and it didn't happen," said Sister Dorothy.

The small size of the library was, at this time, a consistently ignored problem for the campus and a major problem for the library; according to Sister Dorothy, there was so little room in the library that surpluses of books where placed anywhere they would fit.

"[Because the library was so small,] we had books in Lewis Hall, in the basement of Saint Francis, in Saint Leo Hall, and even more in storage. That's how cramped we were," said Sister Dorothy. "The original building…was built for a student body of 300 or 400."

Even more, the small size of the library eventually became a detriment to the College itself. In 1980, Saint Leo was the subject of an accreditation visit; if the accreditation was approved, it would turn Saint Leo into a respected, reputable, and more widely-known college. Unfortunately, one thing was stopping Saint Leo from being awarded the accreditation: the library's small size, which undoubtedly could not sustain the college's perpetually growing populace.

"The library staff wrote the library report [during the accreditation visit], and in that report, we stressed that we needed more space in the library…The people on the committee for the accreditation review agreed with us. They made a recommendation that the college had to increase the library space, and that if the college didn't do it, it would lose its accreditation. Well, things began to happen fast after that," said Sister Dorothy with a smile.

With the expansion of the college's library and the accreditation of the college itself hanging in the balance, a committee for a library expansion project was created – and Sister Dorothy readily became a chairman for the committee. Sister Dorothy admits that she believes her time as a member of this committee, as well as her duty to help plan the expansion of the library and achieve accreditation for the college, was very fulfilling to her. Considering both her pursuit of her Ph.D. at the time, as well as the amount of work that needed to be done in comparison to when she had first started working at Saint Leo College, it was a difficult task.

"When I first arrived, Father Fidelis showed me the books and the library, and as I was looking…I thought to myself: 'And they think they're going to have a college?' They had only 14,000 books – which is peanuts. [Now,] because the books were very few and the college was very anxious to have early accreditation, there was a challenge to add books very quickly. I would catalog about 500 books a month," said Sister Dorothy.

Critical difficulties arose for a second time when plans for the expansion could not go forward due to a lack of funds. According to Sister Dorothy, the board's lack of insight into this situation made her furious, as she understood the value of the possible accreditation and the expansions she and the library committee had planned; she also didn't approve of the board not having a "plan B" if something like this were to happen. Fortunately for the library, however, someone else was willing to step in and help, ending an essential chapter of Sister Dorothy's 50 years and earning the accreditation of the college.

"The person who saved the day was the wife of Daniel A. Cannon. He had died, and she wanted to give enough money to the library in honor of him. That's why it's called the Daniel A. Cannon Memorial Library," said Sister Dorothy.

Today, Sister Dorothy, despite the incredible effort she and her fellow librarians have placed into expanding the library, believes that more expansion of the library, particularly in the face of the current University's expansion, is desperately needed once more.

"It [the library] really needs to be expanded again; when we finished the plans for it…we figured it'd be good by the year 2000, which was true – today, we don't have the kind of room that we should have," said Sister Dorothy.

While the expansion of the library was, according to Sister Dorothy, "a significant achievement" and a crucial component in her 50 years at Saint Leo, her interactions with people – including students and staff – were what ultimately kept her going for 50 years. A kindred spirit, Sister Dorothy found a natural peace in helping others, learning from them, and teaching them. Sister Dorothy said that, before she started working at Saint Leo College, she was asked by the library director of the time, Father Fidelis, if she "had any preferences or if [she] cared about what [she] did." Her answer to him was: "I don't care what I do, as long as I got to work with the people."

Following the library's long-awaited expansion, Sister Dorothy became a Reference Librarian for a second time, with a softer workload allowing her to work on her dissertation. After successfully earning her Ph.D. and once again helming the library as Library Director until 2006, she became the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian: her current title.

Aside from her positions in the library's arduous yet fulfilling 50-year history, Sister Dorothy has been an important asset in many other endeavors. Her love for books guided her when she became a principle for a school and built a library within that school in the 1960s; she started and became the first editor of Saint Leo College's Academy Newspaper, Holy Name Academy; she assisted greatly in providing off-campus Saint Leo military bases and schools with libraries; and even created the idea for library instruction, the program in which one course hour a year is dedicated to teaching its students how to use the library and its resources. In short, it's clear that Sister Dorothy has had a remarkable 50 years with Saint Leo.

Currently, in addition to being the University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian, Sister Dorothy is also in charge of the Marien Library, the library at the Monastery on Saint Leo University's main campus. Specifically, Sister Dorothy oversees the library's growth and book collection, which has been a challenge since the Monastery's relocation. This secondary position – which has required the help of several people alongside her – gives Sister Dorothy the belief that she will need at least another year or two at the University before she retires.

"I would like to leave the stuff in the archives in pretty good order; right now, it's not in pretty good order. In my thinking, it would be stupid to retire from here now, because if I'm not here, then I'm not getting the advantage of keeping up with what's going on here; [that's important,] since the [Marien] Library is built upon what we do here," said Sister Dorothy.

Sister Dorothy's impact on both Saint Leo's community and its library is extraordinary; contributing 50 years' worth of service to Saint Leo, she is not only one of the longest-running members of the community, but one of its best. Before she leaves, Sister Dorothy wants to make sure everything is in good order – to ensure that her library will always be organized, easy to use, and above all, helpful to its visitors.

"My limit is two more years after this. I hope I make it – because I don't like to leave messes behind," said Sister Dorothy.

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Sister Dorothy handled six different positions over her 50-year career at Saint Leo.

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